

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend Claim 2 to read, as follows.

1. **(Previously Presented)** An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member;

first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto an intermediate transfer body at a first transfer position;

second transfer means which includes a transfer member attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body and transfers the image on said intermediate transfer body onto a transferring material at a second transfer position;

cleaning means which includes a cleaning member attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member into contact with a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact surface of said intermediate transfer body; and

control means for performing a control so that a subsequent image forming area does not overlap at a position where said cleaning member initially contacts said intermediate transfer body and is not cleaned by said cleaning means.

2. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member;

first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto an intermediate transfer body at a first transfer position;

second transfer means which includes a transfer member and transfer output means and transfers the image on said intermediate transfer body onto a transferring material at a second transfer position, said transfer member ~~means~~ being attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body, said transfer output means applying a transfer output to said transfer member;

said second transfer means performing a voltage-current detection operation on said transfer member when no image is formed and determining the transfer output of the transferring operation based on a detection result of the detection operation;

cleaning means which has a cleaning member attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member to a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact surface of said intermediate transfer body; and

control means for performing a control so that a detection area of the detection operation does not overlap at a position where said cleaning member initially contacts said intermediate transfer body or separates from said intermediate transfer body and is not cleaned by said cleaning means.

**3. (Previously Presented)** An image forming apparatus, comprising:

image forming means for forming an image on an image bearing member,

first transfer means for transferring the image on said image bearing member onto an intermediate transfer body at a first transfer position;

second transfer means which includes a transfer member attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body and transfers the image on said intermediate transfer body onto a transferring material at a second transfer position;

cleaning means which includes a cleaning member attachable to and detachable from said intermediate transfer body, brings said cleaning member into contact with a surface of said intermediate transfer body, and cleans a contact surface of said intermediate transfer body; and

control means for performing a control so that a contact area in a subsequent contacting operation of said transfer member and an image forming area do not overlap at a position where said cleaning member separates from said intermediate transfer body and is not cleaned by said cleaning means.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The image forming apparatus according to claim 3, further comprising a position reference portion provided on said intermediate transfer body; and

position detecting means for detecting said position reference portion,

wherein the control means performs a control based on information from said position detecting means.